



STUDENTS UNDER 18: PARENTAL PERMISSION TO ATTEND A COURSE

I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions for courses at the Caledonian Language School. I have also read and understood the Advice for Under 18s, and understand that if a student breaks the rules persistently, s/he will be asked to leave the school and homestay accommodation (if used). The student's family is responsible for any costs involved in this.

I understand that the school provides a social programme twice a week during the summer period but that at other times, students are expected to organise their own time outside classes.

I give permission for my son / daughter

_____ (full name)

to attend a course at the Caledonian Language School

from _____ (date) to _____ (date).

Name of the student:

Date of birth:

Student's mobile phone number:

Travelling to: Scotland

Travelling from (country):

Name of parent/guardian:

Relationship to student:

Telephone in case of emergency:

Name and telephone number of an English
speaker in case I

cannot be contacted, or am not an English
speaker:

Please provide details of any medical condition the student is being prescribed medicine for:

By signing below I agree to the following:

- I understand the Caledonian Language School is an adult School and all students are expected to maintain a mature attitude in the classroom (where adult topics such as relationships, work, and politics may be included), on social activities and when with their homestay family.
- Emergency medical treatment will be given on the advice of qualified medical practitioners, in the best interests of the child.
- The student can be given over the counter medicines e.g. paracetamol, throat lozenges.
- Unless the Caledonian Language School is notified in advance, photographs of the student may be used in publicity materials or on social media for the purpose of advertising the School.

Signature: _____

Full name: _____

Date: _____

Requirements for students under the age of 18

Students will be expected to:

- Attend the brief Welcome meeting on their first day.
- Maintain a mature attitude in classes, during social activities and at the homestay family.
- Attend all classes.
- Give an approximate time that they will be home for their evening meal, and inform their homestay family if they will be late.
- Return to homestay by 22.00. An earlier time may be specified by the student's parent, guardian, group leader or homestay family.
- Ask the Accommodation and Welfare Officer if they have any queries or concerns about cultural differences in the UK.
- Tell their homestay or the Accommodation and Welfare Officer if they are feeling unwell, and report any absences.
- Inform the Accommodation and Welfare Officer if they are concerned about any issue such as bullying and harassment, including online, or any issue relating to alcohol, drugs or relationships.
- Inform the Accommodation and Welfare Officer of their travel plans for their return journey.

Please note: The Caledonian Language School must receive additional written permission from the student's parent or guardian to:

- Stay overnight with friends, or independently.
- Arrange a holiday, daytrip or weekend trip with friends, or independently.
- Take part in high-risk activities e.g. climbing, sailing, skiing.
- Stay in accommodation arranged privately by the student.

The Caledonian Language School does not provide lunch, but there are shops and cafes where students can buy their own lunch. This is not supervised.

Should you have any requests or questions please put these in writing to Federica, the Accommodation Officer, and Vivienne, the Principal at: info@caledonianlanguageschool.com.

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS UNDER 18

Remember to bring your **European Health Insurance Card**

Before you arrive

Write down your host family's

- **address**
- **telephone number**

Carry this with you when you arrive. You can show the address to a taxi driver, or telephone the family if you are late or have a problem.

Write down the **number 0044 (0)7808608730**, and have this with you at all times. You can call if you have a problem. The school telephone number is 0044 (0)131 229 2988.

A local **taxi** company is **0044 (0)131 229 2468**.

When you have a local mobile phone, **give your host family the number**.

Safety

Edinburgh is a safe city, but you should always be careful, just as you would at home. Don't walk alone at night. Always have enough money for a taxi home, in case you miss the bus, or are lost.

Living with a family

If your host family has given you a **key**, remember to take it with you.

- If you are under 18, you must come home by 10 pm. Please let your host family know when you go out, and when you come back – they will worry if they do not know where you are.
- If you are out with your classmates and come back late, please move around the house quietly.

When should you phone your host family?

If:

- you are lost.
- you are going to be late, or not going home for dinner.
- you are going to be out later at night.
- you are staying with a friend overnight.

Your responsibilities

You are now studying at a school for adults, so we expect you to be more **independent**. In the same way, your host family will welcome you, but will not look after you at all times – sometimes they may go out and leave you in the house. They may invite you to go somewhere with them, but you should **pay for yourself**. If they pay for you, please repay them as soon as possible.

“Half board” means breakfast and an evening meal will be provided – you have to **buy your own lunch**, even at weekends.

If you are staying with a larger family (some hosts are just a couple), you will need to arrange a **time** every day to have a **shower or bath**, just as you would with your own family.

Your bed **sheets and towels** will be changed every week, but you are responsible for keeping your room clean and tidy. You will have to speak to your host family about **washing your clothes** – some families prefer to do it for you, while others will allow you to use the washing machine.

Your group leader, if you have one, will organise a social programme, but you may also arrange to go out with your classmates. However, if you are under 18, **you are not allowed to drink alcohol**, and will not be allowed into a lot of pubs and clubs – they will check your ID, if they think you are under 18.

If you need anything, ask your host family. In the same way, you should be able to solve any problems by talking to them. You can also speak to Federica, the Accommodation Officer, at the school, or on **0044 (0)7761283557** (Whatsapp as well).

Our host families have all been carefully selected and inspected. Living with a Scottish family should be a positive experience – enjoy it!

Please scan and send by e-mail, and also post to us, to arrive before the start of the course.

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